

## AUTHORITY TO RELEASE INFORMATION

Read the following release form carefully and enter your signature, current address, telephone number, date of birth, social security number and the date in the designated spaces. **This form must be notarized.**

### TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I am an applicant for a position with the City of Gulfport, Mississippi. The City needs to investigate my employment background and personal history to evaluate my qualifications to hold the position for which I applied. It is in the public's interest that all relevant information concerning my personal and employment history is disclosed to the City of Gulfport.

I hereby authorized any representative of the City of Gulfport bearing this release to obtain any information in your files pertaining to my employment records and I hereby direct you to release such information upon request of the bearer. I do hereby authorize a review of and full disclosure of all records, or any part thereof, concerning myself, by and to any duly authorized agent of the City of Gulfport, whether said records are of public, private, or confidential nature. The intent of this authorization is to give my consent for full and complete disclosure. I reiterate and emphasize that the intent of this authorization is to provide full and free access to the background and history of my personal life, for the specific purpose of pursuing a background investigation that may provide pertinent data for the City of Gulfport to consider in determining my suitability for employment. It is my specific intent to provide access to personnel information, however personal or confidential it may appear to be.

I consent to your release of any and all public and private information that you may have concerning me, my work record, my background and reputation, my military service records, educational records, my financial status, my criminal history record, including any arrest records, any information contained in investigatory files, efficiency ratings, complaints or grievances filed by or against me, the records or recollections of attorneys at law, or other counsel, whether representing me or another person in any case, either criminal or civil, in which I presently have, or have had an interest, attendance records, polygraph examinations, and any internal affairs investigation and discipline, including any files which are deemed to be confidential, and/or sealed.

I hereby release you, your organization, and all others from liability or damages that may result from furnishing the information requested, including any liability or damage pursuant to any state or federal laws. I hereby release you, as the custodian of such records of organization, including its officers, employees, or related personnel both individually and collectively, from any and all liability for damages of whatever kind, which may at any time result to me, my heirs, family, or associates because of compliance with this authorization and request to release information, or any attempt to comply with it. I direct you to release such information upon request of the duly accredited representative of the City of Gulfport regardless of any agreement I may have made with you previously to the contrary. The organization requesting the information pursuant to this release will discontinue processing my application if you refuse to disclose the information requested.

For and in consideration of the City of Gulfport's acceptance and processing of my application for employment, I agree to hold the City of Gulfport, its agents and employees harmless from any and all claims and liability associated with my application for employment or in any way connected with the decision whether or not to employ me with the City of Gulfport. I understand that should information of a serious criminal nature surface as a result of this investigation, such information may be turned over to the proper authorities.

I understand my rights under Title 5, United States Code, Section 552a, the Privacy Act of 1974, with regard to access and to disclosure of records, and I waive those rights with the understanding that information furnished will be used by the city of Gulfport in conjunction with employment procedures. A photocopy or FAX copy of this release form will be valid as an original thereof, even though the said photocopy or FAX copy does not contain an original writing of my signature.

This waiver is valid for a period of one (1) year from the date of my signature. Should there be any questions as to the validity of this release, you may contact me at the address listed on this form. I agree to pay any and all charges or fees concerning this request and can be billed for such charges at the address listed on this form. I agree to indemnify and hold harmless the person to whom this request is presented and his agents and employees, from and against all claims, damages, losses and expenses, including reasonable attorney's fees, arising out of or by reason of complying with this request

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Numbers: (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ (Work) \_\_\_\_\_

**STATE OF** \_\_\_\_\_

**COUNTY OF** \_\_\_\_\_

**Personally came and appeared before, me, the undersigned authority in and for said county and state, the within named \_\_\_\_\_, who acknowledged to me that he/she signed and delivered the above foregoing waiver on the date therein mentioned and for the purpose therein expressed.**

**Sworn to and subscribed before me on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.**

**My Commission Expires:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Notary Public**